

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-11 and 16-17 have been allowed.

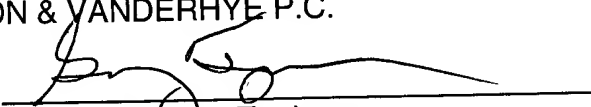
Entry of the amendments is requested to correct typographical errors introduced by the Examiner's Amendment of August 18, 2004.

Applicant submits that the claims remain allowable for the reasons of record. Early issuance of this patent is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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